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THE BANDIT HUNT IN MEXICO

The situation along the Mexican border is in the lap of the gods, as the old saying goes. It may mean much or little. If Villa could be put out of the way, the restless Mexicans will feel a respect for Uncle Sam they have not known since the invasion of 1847. But meanwhile our expeditionary forces are hunting for vermin with a lighted match in a dark powder magazine. Can they keep the sparks out of the fiery Mexican temperament?

Long experience with the red Indian and the Filipino has made our army men familiar with the game. The mountains of Sonora and Chihuahua will have to be raked with a fine tooth comb. Villa and his men can't live indefinitely on roots and bark, and must come out from cover. Our people will have to pay the price. In a pitched battle, the losses against the untrained and headlong Mexicans would never be heavy. It used to be said, while Huerta and Villa were fighting that after a battle the men would play cards instead of prepare for the morrow's engagement.

But a long pursuit through rough mountain country will bring its sad toll of our boys. Every tree and stone is likely to be the lurking place of death. Our men, however, are cool and brainy. They will play the game as cleverly as it was ever played by the wily old Sioux or Iroquois. The Mexicans are hot headed and will throw their lives away on impulse.

Funston and Pershing have a task that is quite as much diplomatic and political as military. If they can only make the Mexicans see it, their prosperity is dependent on putting Butcher Villa out of the way. A golden store of American money and an electrical current of human energy are ready to pour into this fertile land when the ruffian and the assassin have been put down. The expedition will tell the Mexicans a few things about Uncle Sam that the present generation never knew before.

DOMESTIC PEACE

Henry Ford, according to court testimony just given, requires his work people to live peaceably with their wives. If they can't be harmonious at home, they must quit his employment at \$5 per. A man who quarrels with his wife in the morning makes a poor workman all day, says Henry. Good for him!

Modern life is disgracefully full of domestic friction. Much of it finds its way to the courts, but still more never comes much to the surface, though destroying all domestic peace. While much of this quarreling results from infidelities and other wrongs, yet probably more of it comes from mere bad temper.

The man comes back irritated from the day's work. Things have gone wrong, hopes have turned to failures people have been unreasonable. He can't show strain down town, as he would lose trade, his job, or his employees. So he takes it out on his wife, who may not be quick tongued enough to lift back.

Similarly with the wife. If she does her own work, she is tired; if she has servants, she is exasperated with their insolence. Often she is nervous and fretful for lack of fresh air. She snaps up her husband for trifling infractions of discipline.

Love may bear thorns for a time, but there is a limit. Even if the couple prefer to avoid scandal and live together, the sweet unity of the home is spoiled. The man seeks refuge at the club, the wife is glad when he slams the door and leaves her free for other diversions. There is no loving counsel for nurture of children, which grow up like noxious weeds and become degenerative forces in society.

If men and women could learn self control in the simple matter of speech these discords could be avoided. Homes would then be what they were meant for, a place of healing from the jarring conflict of the world. They would also be a school for rear-

ing children into good citizenship. Mr. Ford will meet with more approval in this peace movement than in his ambitious international effort.

THE LIFE OF GOVERNMENT CLERKS

Quite a stirring of the dry bones is reported from Washington. Some perfunctory active Congressman has actually proposed that the government clerks work eight hours a day instead of seven. This would be awful. It would interfere with the sacred custom of five o'clock tea. Congressman Griffin of New York seemed to sense more keenly the spirit of the age. A six hour day is coming in the departments, he said.

The country as a whole has never been able to understand why the clerks could work but seven hours. It is shorter than the usual schedule in private business.

To hear Washington people talk, one would think the clerks a misbegotten and abused class of people. They are represented as grubbing out their lives in arduous service that is not appreciated and is but poorly paid.

The government service has never attracted a brilliant class of men. It is an honorable career, and conditions should be such that an active man could get deserved promotion. But chances for advancement have always been uncertain, dependent on many conditions other than merit. The regular grind of the work with short hours appeals to a great many who have not succeeded very well in other lines, or who have few gifts for originating their own ideas. They follow beaten tracks, which finally become set in a vast labyrinth of red tape, destructive of prompt efficiency. The enlargement of the government's scientific work and the protection given tenure of office by civil service rules has no doubt attracted a lot of a somewhat better type of men.

The clerks have usually opposed proposals to increase their working day. Their attitude indicates that there are still grave faults in the service. If the clerks were stimulated by a wholesome ambition, or if conditions were such that an ambitious and efficient man could get the promotion he deserves the clerks would not be worrying about an eight hour day.

A COMPARISON THAT TELLS

Let us compare this right to sail the seas with the right to walk the streets of New York city. Some blocks in this city have been the scenes of murders, bomb explosions and other crimes of violence. Gangs infest certain streets at times and defy the police. When some of these gangs are on the warpath it is unsafe to walk the streets in which they hold forth. A prudent and peace loving citizen will stay away from their haunts. The police will advise strangers to keep away while trouble is brewing, if they are asked—but they do not order anybody not to walk through such streets. They protect the foolhardy to the best of their ability.

If a gangster kills a passerby the police run him down and the courts send him to the electric chair for murder. The murdered man may have been foolhardy, but he was murdered while exercising his right to walk through a public street and the law must uphold that right no matter what it may cost.

So with this nation. Let us have peace, but always peace with honor. There are worse things than death. As poor little Madame Butterfly says: "To die with honor when one can no longer live with honor!" It may be wise to avoid risks on the high seas, but this country cannot take orders from others to abstain from exercising natural and legal rights, and live with honor.—New York Commercial.

Estimates of the value of stable manure on the farm indicate that in eastern Pennsylvania the manure produced by one adult horse or cow nets the farmer on an average \$15.80 per year, while in southern Michigan the manure of one such animal nets the farmer \$8.22.

Recent farm management surveys indicate that the farmer with but little capital can as a rule, make a better living by renting and operating a comparatively large farm than by putting his money into a small farm which he can buy outright.

There seems to be a pretty general impression that the kind of compulsory education Mexico needs ought to lead off with trigonometry.

It is understood that Britain's blockade of Germany will be made so rigid that nothing will be able to get through but the submarines.

The papers are making a big fuss over the fact that some Western woman is president of a bank. We've

known many women for years who are accomplished tellers.

"It's none of our business of course, and we don't mean to butt in, but I bet it about time a little talk was beginning to trickle about the old town's baseball prospects next season?"

Prof. Exonerated By Mr. Smith

One or two weeks ago there appeared in one of the Logan papers an article intimating that a certain professor of the U. A. C. was establishing agencies in Logan for the Troy Laundry of Salt Lake City. Today there was left a circular at my residence in which the history of the American Steam Laundry is given, and near the close of the article makes the following statement: "We see no reasons why they should take a chance on drifting back into old conditions. We have now in our midst a transient professor employed at one of our public institutions, who has been advocating and trying for some time to get college students to act as agents for the Salt Lake laundry. We don't know what he gets out of it, but this kind of boasting is not going to help Logan. We ask our friends to remain loyal to the American Steam Laundry and etc."

I desire to make a reply to these articles in defense of this man. I am personally acquainted with this professor and have been closely associated with him for the past two years.

In the first place he is not a transient professor. He is a Utah boy and has been educated in the schools of Utah until he went into the east to study. This will settle the first misunderstanding.

Next, I take it that the American Steam Laundry has been misinformed, as to his establishing agencies in Logan for the Salt Lake laundries.

During the winter many students desire to get work in order that they may attend school. Various positions are offered. These offers are sent to the U. A. C. where the students can get them. Some time ago the students asked the professor if he knew what they could do in order that they might make a little money. Among other offers that were given to the boys there appeared one which offered work for the Salt Lake laundries.

This is the extent of the professor's work in establishing agencies out of town. His only motive was to help boys get employment. Whether the boys looked farther into the matter as agents, the professor does not know. He told me after the article appeared in the paper that he was getting blamed for disloyalty. This professor is not disloyal to Logan or any of its industries. He is interested in the welfare of the young men and women of the state school and is doing all in his power to provide them with work that he might help them through college.

This professor is a good worker, and deserves the support and good will of the citizens of Logan. He did an act of kindness for which the parents of these students should be thankful.

This criticism is uncalled for and I take it that it comes through not having the whole truth presented to the American Steam Laundry. I might say farther that this particular professor is a patron of the Laundry that is criticising him.

I trust that this explanation will clear the matter up.

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Utah Senator Is Mentioned For Chairman

Merits of Candidates Are Freely Discussed. Hilleg Hits the Primary Laws

Chicago, March 20.—After devoting several hours discussing the qualifications of numerous candidates for temporary chairman of the national Republican convention to be held in Chicago June 7, the subcommittee on arrangements of the national committee was unable to reach a decision and deferred action until tomorrow. If the members are then unable to agree, the subject will go over until the next meeting, April 20th.

Among the names suggested for temporary chairman were Senator Warren C. Harding of Ohio, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, New York, Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, Senator W. E. Borah of Idaho, Governor Samuel A. McCall of Massachusetts, Senator Henry C. Lodge of Massachusetts, former Governor Chase S. Osborn of Michigan, Senator George Sutherland of Utah and W. J. Calhoun of Illinois.

Senator Harding of Ohio, it was said, was regarded with more favor than the others in the preliminary discussion the argument being used that he would be acceptable to both the stalwart and progressive factions of the party. The same argument was used in support of P. C. Knox. At the close of the discussion the indications were that the choice might be between Harding, Butler and Knox.

Although Chairman Charles D. Hilleg declined to discuss presidential candidates further than to reiterate that in his opinion Justice Hughes of the United States supreme court would not be a candidate, other members of the committee did not hesitate to talk on the subject.

Preferences for President
Ralph E. Williams of Washington declared that the Republican sentiment in the northwest was largely in favor of Justice Hughes. He said he would not believe Mr. Hughes is out of the race until he issues a statement to the effect that he will not accept the nomination if it is offered him.

"I do not think," said Mr. Williams, that the leaders regard Colonel Roosevelt seriously as a candidate." He said he favored the selection of Senator W. E. Borah of Idaho as temporary chairman.

Franklin Murphy of New Jersey said he did not think Colonel Roosevelt would be considered seriously by the convention as a presidential candidate. He brought with him a boom for Elihu Root, who, he said was the ideal candidate.

Uniform Primary
Chairman Hilleg issued a statement calling attention to the confusion which has developed this year in the selection of delegates to the national convention because of the conflicting provisions of the direct primary laws in the different states and urging that a uniform presidential primary law be adopted by all the states.

In his statement Chairman Hilleg said in part:
"The situation that has developed through the extension of the primary idea with respect to national political party organizations calls most urgently for standardization of state primary laws, so far as they apply to the election of delegates to national party conventions. More than half the delegates to national conventions of 1916 will be elected or instructed through some primary medium, but the primary laws are so widely at variance in many particulars that a sadly confused state of affairs has resulted."

"The utter lack of uniformity in the laws, more pronounced now than ever before, despite the experience of several years of operation with primaries, suggests the immediate need of working out some plan by which this confused condition will be eliminated. If all the primaries which relate exclusively to delegates to presidential conventions were held simultaneously there would result a distinct benefit in that one state would not exercise an undue atmospheric influence over an other."

California Law Criticized
"If the principle underlying the California law should be adopted generally, the unit rule would not only prevail but all delegates in all states would be elected at large. This would mean that in Pennsylvania the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh would dominate the state delegation; that Greater New York City combining with any of the several upstate cit-

WEEK'S THEATRE PROGRAM

AT THE OAK

TONIGHT

"The Knotted Cord," in 3 parts
"Sammy's Dough."
"The Mender."

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

"Extra Man and the Milk Fed Lion," in 3 parts.
Weekly News.
"The First Quarrell."

AT THE LYRIC

TONIGHT

Blanch Sweet in "The Ragamuffin," Paramount Travel Series.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Dustin Farnum in "Call of the Cum-Berlands,"
Pathe News.

les would control the New York delegation, while in Ohio, Cleveland and Cincinnati would exercise a controlling influence."

After pointing out several unusual features of the direct primary law in Ohio, Minnesota and other states, Chairman Hilleg suggested that the next Republican national convention be asked to appoint a committee to work out a uniform primary law; to be submitted to the different state legislatures for consideration.

Relief Society Annual Held At Hyde Park

Hyde Park, March 20.—The Relief Society annual held in the meeting house March 17, was a very enjoyable affair to all those present. As the people were assembling at about 2 o'clock they were greeted by sweet strains of music from the brass band. The services began at 2:30 with President Johann M. Peterson presiding. The program as follows was rendered in a very pleasing manner: Selection by the Band Prayer H. W. Hancey Speech of Welcome, and a short history of the Relief Society ...

.....Counselor Sarah H. Seamons Recitation Mrs. Sadie Hancey Song, Little Gray Home in the West Robert S. McQuarrie I'll Take You Back Again Kathleen, was rendered as an encore

Speech George T. Ashcroft Comic Reading Mrs. N. Ashcroft Musical Selection by Willard and Leonard Hancey, mandolins; Robert S. McQuarrie, cornet; Mrs. Leah Hancey, piano.

Speech F. T. Ballam Song, Mother Dear Mrs. Lemons of Paradise In response to an encore she sang Farewell to Thee.

The beautiful singing of Mrs. Lemons was very much appreciated. Quartet, Juanita, Eva Lee, Mary Lamb, Ione Hurren, Vilate Hancey. They were encored and sang, Printing the Kisses.

Duet Mrs. Bell Thurston and Mrs. Lettie Neilson.

Benediction was pronounced by Bishop C. G. Hyde. After the meeting came the picnic which was one that would make an epicurean smile. The day's festivities closed with a dance at night in which many both old and young participated.

In the afternoon of the same day there was a baseball game played

between the Smithfield and Hyde Park school teams. The game was marked by many runs, many errors, and a great deal of noise. The score was, Hyde Park 23; Smithfield, 19.

The Primary Association's entertainment given Wednesday evening, was a good one, and several very creditable numbers were given. The saints of Hyde Park enjoyed a spiritual feast at Sacramento meeting Sunday afternoon, in listening to Elders Fred Datwyler, Joseph E. Cowley and J. E. Hickman, as they spoke of the many blessings and privileges we enjoy here in this land as compared to the misery and the distress that is being poured out upon the nations of the earth. Elder Hickman referred to prophecies about to be fulfilled and urged the saints to live so that purchase many of the calamities about to be poured out upon the nations, might pass them by.

Several of our farmers were out preparing the land for crops last week and many are cleaning up around their premises.

Several of our citizens are making preparation to build large barns this year.

Mrs. Mary Ann Ridgeway, one of our aged and highly respected citizens is quite sick at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Parley Ball, are rejoicing over the safe arrival at their home Sunday evening of a pair of fine baby girls. All concerned are doing nicely.

Stephen Thurston's broken ankle is healing nicely and he says that he suffers but little pain.

Bishop H. E. Crockett was a visitor in Hyde Park last Sunday.

Mr. Joseph M. Tombs of Willard, Utah, was here last week, looking after some of his mining interests.

Mr. N. J. Kjeldsen who has been laid up all winter with rheumatism and other troubles, was out attending church Sunday.

FILLING DEAD FURROWS

One of the best ways to fill in the dead furrows is with a disk harrow. Drive so that the centers of the outside disk comes at the middle of the ridge on the side of the dead furrow. Drive down and back on the same ridge, and then go on the other side of the furrow the same way. This will leave the land almost level, and you can plant the standard crops where the dead furrow was without fear of their being washed out or covered up by cultivation.

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